



Ledding Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2011

Ledding Library Pond House

Meeting called by: Library Board Chairperson, Mark Docken

Library Board Members present: Mark Docken, Kay Sweetland Bower, Colleen Schacht, Melissa Perkins and Ed Zumwalt.

Library Board Members absent: Ron Rasch and Tom Hogan

Library staff: Joe Sandfort

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Library Board Chairperson Mark Docken called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The minutes of the April meeting of the Library Board were approved as submitted

New business

Facebook: Library Board Member Melissa Perkins said that the Ledding Library would greatly benefit from having an effective, functioning presence on Facebook. Melissa has seen Facebook entries for other libraries and has been greatly impressed. Facebook would help the library publicize its programs and services. Joe said that the city is currently developing a policy on city departments using social media such as Facebook and promised to investigate what would be possible in accordance with city rules.

Librarian's Report: Library Director Joe Sandfort began his report by saying that the city of Milwaukie's budget for FY2011-12 will be considered for approval by the City Council at its June 7 meeting. The library staff held a meeting at the Pond House on May 19. The primary purpose for the meeting was for the staff to receive training in how to respond to thefts. Milwaukie Police Chief Bob Jordan did an excellent job in providing the training. The Library Expansion Task Force

(LETF) is now complete in its membership, with Fred Bruderlin of ODS (Oregon Dental Service) serving as the business representative. Jerry Connolly, also of ODS, will be Mr. Bruderlin's alternate. Library Board Member Ed Zumwalt stressed that ODS will be a valuable partner in the library expansion process, as the company has a history of providing help to libraries. Joe then concluded his report by stating that the bond measure which would have funded Clackamas Community College's facilities expansion failed in the May 17 election.

Oregon Career Information System (OCIS): Library Board Member Kay Sweetland Bower stated that the OCIS database, which provides career and employment information for Oregonians, would be a great asset to Ledding Library users. The database is currently in use at the Multnomah County Library and at Lake Oswego Library. Kay and Joe will arrange for a demonstration of the database by an OCIS representative.

Project updates and progress reports

Pond House Parking Space: Library Board Chairperson Mark Docken asked for a review of the loading zone parking space at the Pond House. Joe said that he would discuss this issue with the Friends of the Library.

Poetry Series Update: Joe said that Margaret Chula, the poet for May, presented an excellent reading. In answer to a question, Library Board Member Colleen Schacht presented an excellent summary of how Poetry Series programs are publicized and how different audiences are reached.

Summer Concert Series: Library Board Member Ed Zumwalt announced that the thirteenth annual Summer Concert Series will begin on June 22 and end on August 31. The concerts will take place at noon in the Scott Park Amphitheater on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Library District Advisory Committee (LDAC): Library Board Chairperson Mark Docken, who is the city's representative to the LDAC, reported that the group discussed funding issues at the Canby Library and may take further action. Mark then explained the basis for the two IGA amendments that were recently approved by the Milwaukie City Council. Another item discussed by the LDAC was an appropriate response to the donation book bins that have been seen in the Portland metropolitan area during the past three months. The bins seem to be affecting book donations to several libraries in Clackamas County.

Outdoor Book Drop: Library Board Member Melissa Perkins asked about the possibility of installing a book drop outside of the library. She said that it is often difficult to return books to the library because there are no places to park. An outdoor book drop, one into which books could be deposited from a car, would

be a great help to library patrons. Joe said that the library had an outdoor library book drop at one time, but that it had to be removed because of repeated vandalism. Mark added that an outdoor book drop could possibly ease parking congestion and that vandalism may be a price of doing business. Joe said that he would look into the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.